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## OFFICIAL

### ERDC Establishes Board of Deputy Directors

The Engineer Research and Development Center (ERDC) Board of Deputy Directors (BODD) shall be the supporting body for the ERDC Board of Directors (BOD). The members, Dr. Kirby as chair, Tom Hart, Pete Swartz and the deputy lab directors will serve as the main interface between their organizations and the programs office and the support offices. The BODD shall serve at the pleasure of the BOD and provide it support, as requested, on all management and resource issues. Specifically, the BODD shall be responsible for providing support to the BOD for the following:

- a. Develop and Oversee all ERDC Budgets and Resource Plans. The BODD will develop the draft ERDC annual budget for presentation to the BOD/Program and Budget Advisory Council (PBAC). The BODD will also monitor the ERDC performance indicators and make recommendations to the BOD as to what are the critical issues that it needs to address.
- b. Develop and Implement the ERDC Corporate Business Processes (CBP). Under the direction of the Deputy Director, the BODD will form the Overarching Integrated Process Team (OIPT) for the development and implementation of the ERDC Corporate Business Process (CBP).
- c. The BODD will analyze management issues as directed by the Director and provide the appropriate analysis and recommendations to the BOD.
- d. The members of the BODD will be the main POCs between their organizations and the Programs Office and the Support Offices for data calls and information requirements. At their meetings they will review data calls and information requests and make recommendations to the BOD for how to improve information flow within the ERDC.

### Membership

The ERDC Associate Director chairs the BODD. Members of the Board are the ERDC Assistant Director for Program Management, the Deputy Laboratory Directors, and a representative of the Commander.

## ***Scope of Operations***

Duration: The BODD shall serve at the pleasure of the BOD.

Method of Operations: The BODD will operate as a coordinating body to implement BOD decisions/policies/guidance. The BODD is empowered to commission special studies and process action teams to carry out its work. The BODD is delegated the authority to act consistent with this Charter and any subsequent direction from the BOD or the ERDC Director.

## **Town Hall Meeting Scheduled for Oct. 18**

ERDC's Director Dr. James Houston will conduct a Town Hall Meeting at TEC in Conference Rooms 1, 2 and 3 on Oct. 18 from 2-3 p.m. Topics to be discussed include:

- The Corps' activities in the World Trade Center and Pentagon recoveries.
- ERDC's activities
- The future role of ERDC in combating terrorism.
- ERDC security – current and future
- What you can do.

## **Commander's Mailbox**

ERDC team members are reminded that an electronic mailbox has been established to allow employees to send questions and/or comments to the Commander. If an employee wishes to remain anonymous, his or her name will be deleted from the question before it is forwarded to the Commander for comment. Employees' questions will be answered via return e-mail. Answers to anonymous and frequently asked questions will be posted in the Employee Information Bulletin.

The address in Outlook is, "ERDC Commander." Again, all information is kept strictly confidential and all questions are addressed directly by the Commander.

FOR THE ACTING DIRECTOR

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## **U N O F F I C I A L**

## **Oldest T-shirt prize is enough for former injured runner**

John Jens, had the oldest T-shirt at the Saguaro National Park Labor Day Run this year. If you're thinking 'So, what's the big deal?,' well, the big deal is that on Sept. 13, 1991, John, a geologist in the Terrain Analysis Branch, nearly had his competitive running days come to an end when a vehicle turned into the path of his motorcycle. The subsequent collision left him severely injured.

"I was heading home from the Fort Belvoir Track and Field Championships after competing in the senior division 1,500-meter race," the former Army officer recalled. "The accident broke my pelvis, right wrist and left upper arm. I was in a local hospital for 2-weeks following trauma surgery, and spent approximately 3 months at Walter Reed Medical Center. Due to the broken pelvis, doctors told me I wouldn't run, if at all, like I used to," he said.

Although he was eager to move forward with his rehabilitation, doctors took a more conservative attitude toward his recovery, which he believes “prolonged my physical therapy efforts. Learning to stand and walk again took far longer than it should have,” John said.

The Labor Day Run held in Tucson, Ariz., is an 8-mile loop with miles 3.5 to 6 being an uphill climb. Competing in the 50-54 year age group, John finished 118 out of 436 runners – eighth in his age class. “What was most important to me was that I finished and I did well. I wanted to break 60 minutes but finished in 63:38. I’m very satisfied having run just under minutes per mile ... maybe I’ll do better next year.”

Saguaro is John’s favorite race, followed by the Konigstuhl Run in Heidelberg, Germany, (“5.3 miles, all up hill!”) and finally the “leisurely” 9-plus mile George Washington Parkway Classic. For many years, he participated in the Manassas Park 10K Fourth of July Run. “Even after the accident, I walked the 10K course for 4 years and eventually started doing some light, short jogging.” He finally built up his strength to a point where he could run the entire race without stopping or walking. That, John says is when he knew it was time “to go for it.”

While he probably will never achieve the level of speed he had before the accident, John started a more rigorous workout to become competitive again. “I run 4 to 6 miles, 4 to 5 days a week, Monday through Thursday. On Friday’s, I run a little over 14 miles,” he said.

According to John, this regiment allows him to enjoy his one food luxury, real butter on popcorn. “When you run as much I do, you can almost eat what you want. But I have cut out most of the high fat foods and I’m eating more popcorn, fruits, popcorn, vegetables, popcorn, nuts ... did I mention popcorn?”

So, what’s the real big deal with the T-shirt?

“Twenty years ago when I was assigned to the Los Angeles District and lived in Tucson, I participated in the Labor Day Run many times. Back then, less than 100 runners showed up for the event. I’ve kept my T-shirt from all those years, so I won the prize for oldest T-shirt.” Proceeds from the run were donated to a charity in honor of a long-time Tucson runner who died last year.

“I returned the prize money to the charity. Being able to run again and simply knowing I had the oldest T-shirt were recognition enough.”

## For Sale

For more information on the items below, contact Mark Weipert at ICOM 2279 or 428-6955.

Ethan Allen Bookcases (2): \$25/each



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Unfinished Pine Toy Chest: \$10



Pine Toybox.JPG

Baseball Trainer, brand new: \$10.



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